

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That three additional sections be and they are hereby added to said Article 72, to follow Section 135 thereof, and to be known as Sections 135A and 135B, said additional sections to be and read as follows:

135A. The Conservation Commission of Maryland is hereby authorized to select and reserve for oyster cultivation as provided in this sub-title any portion or portions of the natural beds, bars and rocks within the scraping areas of this State, and to close the area so reserved for such time as the Commission may fix, to transplant seed oysters, shells, or other cultch thereon, and re-open the same for public use, subject to all the conditions and restrictions set forth in Section 134 of this sub-title, including the payment of the charge or tax to be fixed by the Commission as therein prescribed, and the Commission is empowered to pay the cost of transplanting seed oysters not to exceed ten cents per bushel, and shells not to exceed five cents per bushel, in the manner stated in Section 133 of this Article, provided that oysters planted upon such reserved scraping areas shall be caught only by scrapers of the County in which said reserved area is located, holding licenses for the current season, who shall take out a special license from the Commission or one of its inspectors or deputy commanders at a cost of one dollar each, after taking the oath prescribed in paragraph 6 of Section 134 of this Article.

135B. The Conservation Commission is authorized to select and reserve for experiments in oyster conservation and propagation, any portion or portions of the natural beds, bars and rocks of the Chesapeake Bay or tributaries in dredging area not to exceed in the aggregate one thousand acres, and to give notice thereof in the manner stated in Section 132, and to transplant thereon seed oysters, shells, or other cultch, or to propagate seed oysters, or in any other feasible manner to develop methods of production of oysters, and said Commission shall be empowered to improve, replenish or cultivate said experimental areas in such manner and for such length of time as it may determine. The Commission shall have power to dispose of the oysters at any time, and manner, and upon any terms which it may fix, the proceeds thereof to be placed to the credit of the "Conservation Fund," and to be used for